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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art of record, particularly the applied art, discloses or teaches a base and mating piece movably attached to each other between a fixed prelocking position and a fixed final locking position, the spring element having plural steel springs, in combination with the rest of the subject matter of claims 16 and 18.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary F. Paumen whose telephone number is 571-272-2013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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